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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 1, 2001. Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-9) for prosecution in the instant application. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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